## 7th District Milwaukee County Supervisor

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All of Us Together!

### **Committee Assignments**

- Economic and Community Development, Chair
- Health & Human Needs, Vice-Chair
- Audit Committee
- Parks, Energy and Environment

# What Services Does Milwaukee County Provide and Manage?

### **Airport**

• Mitchell Field

## **County Court System**

- Courthouse
- County Clerk
- Clerk of Courts
- Register of Deeds
- Treasurer

### **County Roads**

- Plowing-Snow Removal
- Repairing & Replacement

### Cultural

- Milwaukee Art Museum
- Milwaukee Public Museum
- Milwaukee County Zoo
- Historical Society
- Charles Allis Art Museum
- Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum
- Mental Health Services
- · Behavioral Health

### **Park System**

- Boerner Botanical Gardens
- Golf Courses
- Lakefront
- The Domes
- Pools
- County Parks

## **Milwaukee Transit System**

## **Sheriff's Department**

- House of Corrections
- Courthouse
- Expressways
- Jail

## Hello Neighbor,

**WINTER 2020** 

Wow! 2020 certainly has been a year of the unexpected and unprecedented to say the least. It's an honor and privilege to serve as your County Board Supervisor during these unprecedented times.

Our lives have largely been defined by coronavirus (COVID-19). We've had to redefine our home and work lives. Normal has been redefined to include wearing a mask by every individual to ensure the safety of our family members, neighbors, and our community. As we continue to adapt to this new normal, please be aware of the continuing rise of COVID-19 cases in Milwaukee as well as throughout our state. For the most updated information on coronavirus (COVID-19) cases in Milwaukee County and our district, please regularly check our Milwaukee County Dashboard county.milwaukee.gov/EN/COVID-19.

Thank you to everyone that participated in our November 3rd election. To everyone who cast a ballot either in person, via mail in ballot or by drop box, to those staffing our polling sites and participated in counting our ballots your service is greatly appreciated. We now have an apparent President-Elect, Joseph R. Biden, and apparent Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris. Again, thank you for participating in our electoral process. Now let us work together to rebuild relations and continue to build a stronger and better nation where we all thrive.

Working collaboratively is the pathway forward to growth and prosperity for us all. Together we can rebuild our community, trust and engagement by working with each other and our partners. Together, let us reimagine the 7th Supervisory District to be a thriving, thoughtful, safe, and engaged family-oriented community for everyone.

Please contact me at **(414) 278-4241** or by email **Felesia.Martin@milwaukeecountywi.gov** with your thoughts, concerns, ideas to move our district forward.

All of us working together for a brighter future!

Respectfully,

Felesia A. Martin
County Supervisor
The Magnificent 7th District

Supervisor Martin represents several City of Milwaukee neighborhoods, including Dineen Park, Capitol Heights, Grasslyn Manor, Sunset Heights, Roosevelt Grove, Lincoln Creek, and Garden Homes.

## **Curbside Swearing In**



County Board Supervisor Felesia Martin got curbside service as she took her oath of office on April 20, 2020 for her second term.

## Playground at Indigenous Peoples' Park

The completely reconstructed playground will feature new swings (including an adaptive swing), ADA access, poured-in-place surfacing and two play structures — one for ages 2-5 and another for ages 5-12. The improvements to the play area will also include new bike racks, benches, trees and an asphalt walkway. For updates on the Park please visit: county.milwaukee.gov/parksprojects.







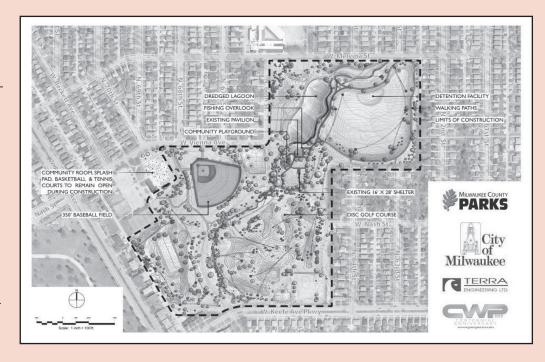
**Above:** A rendering shows the proposed reconstructed playground for Indigenous Peoples' Park.

**Left:** Supervisor Martin, in collaboration with the Parks Department, hosted a pop-up playground reveal at Indigenous Peoples' Park.

## **Dineen Park Project**

The work on the first contract is largely done. There are a few "punch-list" items to be completed yet, including some concrete work, bridge repair, and landscape touch ups. The biggest issue has been and continues to be getting grass established. Dormant seed has been placed that will not germinate until spring. The second contract has begun. This project is for dredging the lagoon and some channel stabilization work along the creek south (upstream) of the lagoon.

For updates on the Dineen Park Project please visit: county.milwaukee.gov/parksprojects or the Dineen Park Neighborhood Association page on Facebook at www.facebook.com/DineenPark.



## **Children's Wisconsin to Accept Adult Patients During Pandemic**

Children's Wisconsin in Wauwatosa will be accepting adult patients up to age 26 from other hospitals that are reaching their capacity limits due to an influx of Covid-19 patients. Children's will continue to collaborate with health systems across the state so that the statewide hospital infrastructure can be used to its fullest and continue to serve those who need the care. Visit www.childrenswi.org for more information.

## **Black Lives Matter**



Supervisor Martin joins community members on June 4th for a Black Lives Matter protest at the Midtown Shopping Center.

## **The 2021 Milwaukee County Budget**

Fall is budget season, and every Milwaukee County budget starts with listening to our constituents.

I held an online budget listening session on October 21, and the Board of Supervisors also held its annual public hearing on the 2021 County budget on October 30.

Ensuring that we remain engaged with the people we serve during the Coronavirus pandemic has been challenging due to limitations on public gatherings, but technology has made it easier.

Thank you for your patience during this difficult time, and thanks to those of you who joined us for these virtual events to share your priorities for the 2021 budget.

Unfortunately, every budget also starts with a gap that must be filled in order balance it. The budget gap arises every year because of something we call the structural deficit, or a built-in gap between the revenue available to the county and the inflation in costs to provide the same services and programming. Finding a permanent solution to the structural deficit is a top priority.

Over the past 10 years, Milwaukee County has cut an average of \$30 million a year each year in order to balance the budget. The initial estimate of the 2021 gap was about \$42 million but it was ultimately closer to \$35 million. (This number will continue to increase every year.) One-time emergency federal funding from the CARES Act was a tremendous help in filling in the gap this year.

The Board's Finance Committee held several open meetings on the 2021 budget throughout October and early November, where they listened to budget requests from County departments and division leaders and considered budget amendments from Supervisors. Supervisor Haas, who is serving as Chair of the Finance Committee for the first time during the 2020-22 term, did a tremendous job of efficiently leading the committee through their work and facilitating open, fair, and focused deliberations on the Recommended Budget.

This is the first year that a Board Chairperson has proposed using shared values to guide our budget work. The five guiding principles that Chairwoman Nicholson proposed were racial equity, preparation, collaboration, sustainability, and decorum.

I want to thank the Chairwoman for proposing this framework and my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors for honoring these shared values, as they helped create a constructive, focused, and respectful process that ensured all voices were heard.

This budget is the first in Milwaukee County history to be guided by a plan for achieving racial equity and improving the health of all Milwaukee County residents.

My colleagues on the Board of Supervisors adopted amendments that built upon County Executive David Crowley's foundational and historic budget by boosting efforts to achieve racial equity and serve our most vulnerable neighbors, especially those affected by the pandemic.

This is a budget that Milwaukee County can be proud of. I joined with my colleagues in voting for the final version of the adopted budget on November 9.

## 2020 Legislative Item Sponsored or Co-Sponsored by Supervisor Martin

- 19-600 A resolution supporting the State of Wisconsin prohibiting schools from performing any form of lunch shaming to students or their parental guardians and requiring all schools to provide meals to all students regardless of ability to pay.
- 19-964 A resolution recognizing October as annual Down Syndrome Awareness Month in Milwaukee County and promoting awareness, advocacy, and inclusion throughout the community.
- **19-965** A resolution recognizing November as annual Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month in Milwaukee County.
- 20-379 A resolution calling upon the United States Congress to appropriate monies in direct federal aid specifically to state and local governments as a replacement for tax revenues lost due to the SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 Pandemic.
- 20-285 A resolution calling upon the United States Congress to repeal the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (1994 Crime Bill), and further calling upon Congress to pass and the President to sign, the People's Justice Guarantee.
- 20-463 A resolution/ordinance to designate Juneteenth Day, June 19th, as a minor holiday for County employees to permit workers to observe this day to celebrate African American freedom and achievement.
- 20-464 A resolution condemning racial injustice across the United States and in Milwaukee County and seeking the dismantling of institutional and structural racism.
- 20-506 A resolution authorizing and requesting the Office of Government Affairs convey Milwaukee County's opposition to the deportation of United States Hmong and Laotian residents.
- 20-527 A resolution proposing practical reforms to Wisconsin hate crimes statutes and giving false information to police officers on the basis of race, religion, color, disability, sexual orientation, national origin, or ancestry of a person; proposing additional guidelines to the National Neighborhood Watch Program.
- 20-536 A resolution stating opposition to the use of chokeholds and asphyxia by County employees to gain compliance from individuals when physical force is required and stating personnel should use de-escalation techniques.
- 20-576 A resolution calling upon the State of Wisconsin and all Wisconsin counties to make positive policy changes which will work toward eliminating systemic poverty and inequality.
- 20-681 A resolution supporting State of Wisconsin legislation which would address policing accountability and transparency.
- 20-763 A resolution recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, encouraging support of domestic violence prevention measures throughout Milwaukee County.



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## **Energy Assistance is Available**

Through the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program, qualified Milwaukee County residents can receive a one-time annual payment\* to make your heating and electric bills more affordable!



### 1. See if you qualify.

Go to **KeepWarmMKE.org** to check income guidelines and see if you qualify. 175,000 county residents will. You may also qualify for services like furnace repair, weatherization and crisis benefits.

- 2. Make an appointment or complete your application online.
  - · Apply October 1 May 15.
  - Visit KeepWarmMKE.org or
  - Call **270-4MKE (4653)**. Dial 211 for after-hours help.

## 3. Due to COVID-19, all appointments are conducted by phone.

A team member will call you at your scheduled appointment time to process your application.

\*Funding covers a portion of energy costs; it is not intended to pay your entire energy bill. How much funding you receive depends on several factors, including your income, size of your home or apartment, and energy costs. (In most cases, the annual Energy Assistance monetary benefit will be paid directly to your energy supplier.)



For legislative files, agendas, minutes and schedules for all Milwaukee County committee and board meetings, please visit the County Legislative Information Center at:

county.milwaukee.gov/CLIC

## **Service Guide for 7th District Milwaukee County Residents**

7th District Milwaukee County Supervisor Felesia A. Martin	. 278-4241
Airports Mitchell International Airport Timmerman Airport	
Child Support Enforcement	. 615-2593
Clerk of Circuit Court	. 278-5362
County Clerk	. 278-4067
County Executive	. 278-4211
County Treasurer	. 278-4033
Courts Civil Division (small & large claims) Criminal Division Children's Court	. 278-4538
Department on Aging General Information	. 289-6874
Department of Health and Human Services	. 289-6877
District Attorney's Office  John Chisholm  Election Commission	
Emergency/Public Safety	
Sheriff (non-emergency)	. 278-4766 . 272-2876 . 257-4709

Fraud Hotline	93-FRAUD
House of Correction General and Visiting Information	427-4700
<b>Jury Services</b> General Information	
Low Income Housing Rent Assistance	278-4894
Marcus Center for the Performing Arts	273-7121
Marriage Licenses/Passports/Fishing Lic	278-4067
Medical Examiner General Information	223-1200
Mental Health Complex General Information	
Milwaukee Art Museum General Information	224-3200
Milwaukee County Historical Society	273-8288
Milwaukee County Parks Boerner Botanical Gardens General Information Parks Hotline Organized Sports Golf Reservations Golf Office	257-7275 257-5100 257-8030 475-6222

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District 7 Parks Dineen Park (6901 W. Vienna Ave.) Indigenous Peoples Park (7301 W. Courtland Ave.) Sherman Park (3000 N. Sherman Blvd.)	. 353-3212
Milwaukee County Zoo General Information	.771-3040
Milwaukee Public Museum General Information	. 278-2702
Office of Persons with Disabilities General Information	. 278-3932
Register in Probate	. 278-4444
Register of Deeds	. 278-4021
Sheriff's Department General Information	
Bus Routes/Schedules/Fares	. 937-3218
UW-Extension	. 256-4600
Veterans Services	. 266-1234
Victim/Witness Service General Information-Felony	. 278-4667
City of Milwaukee City Hall/Common Council	